

## Nathan Deal, Governor

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To: All Georgia Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids Providers

Re: Hurricane Irma Update

Date: September 9, 2017

Due to the potential impact of Hurricane Irma, Governor Deal and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA) have declared a State of Emergency for <u>all</u> 159 counties throughout the State. Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency, as authorized under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, for the State of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. For more information regarding the statewide State of Emergency please click on the following link: <a href="https://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases/2017-09-10/deal-expands-state-emergency-include-all-159-counties">https://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases/2017-09-10/deal-expands-state-emergency-include-all-159-counties</a>.

The Georgia Department of Community Health is coordinating with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, to ensure that healthcare is not disrupted for Georgia and Florida residents who are forced to evacuate. In order to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of Medicaid/CHIP beneficiaries and to ensure providers are reimbursed for such items and services, the Department of Community is waiving and/or modifying certain requirements related to the Medicaid/CHIP programs. Accordingly, please review the following updates:

## **Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS):**

At this time, the GAMMIS system is fully operational and may be utilized to verify eligibility for Georgia Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids members, as well as the customary processes such as claims submission, etc. The Department is working with the State of Florida to identify a process that will allow Georgia Providers an avenue to verify eligibility for displaced Florida residents. For information on how Georgia Providers may verify eligibility for displaced Florida Medicaid/CHIP members, please visit the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration's (AHCA) website here:

http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Emergency Activities/docs/CheckMedicaidEligibilityifyouareNotanEnrolledMedicaidProvider.pdf

## **DXC Provider and Member Call Centers:**

Providers may utilize the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system to verify eligibility for Georgia Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids members. Additionally, Georgia



Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids members may utilize the IVR to obtain information regarding their eligibility status.

Providers may reach the DXC Provider Call Center by calling: 1-800-766-4456 Members may reach the DXC Member Call Center by calling: 1-866-211-0950

Normal Business Hours are from 8:00AM - 7:00PM, Monday through Friday, ET. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order regarding the State of Emergency, DXC call centers will be closed on Monday, September 11, 2017 and Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The IVR system is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, to provide information regarding eligibility status for Georgia Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids.

### **Provider Enrollment:**

An abbreviated enrollment process will be instituted for non-enrolled providers within the State of Georgia as well as out-of-state providers who are rendering services to displaced Georgia residents. Additional details regarding this process are forthcoming.

## **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:**

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) will be limited, and utilized to the extent possible, for urgent transports such as Dialysis and Chemotherapy appointments. Due to the increased demand, NEMT transports as well as office visits may be rescheduled for a later date.

NEMT Brokers may be reached by utilizing the following numbers:

**Logisticare**: 1-888-224-7981

**Southeastrans**: 1-866-388-9844

## **Care Management Organizations (CMO) Updates**

#### **CMO Provider and Member Call Centers:**

The Provider and Member Call Centers for Georgia's Care Management Organizations (Amerigroup, CareSource, Peach State Health Plan, and WellCare) are operational and may be reached at the following numbers:

Members may contact the CMOs using the contact details below:

## Amerigroup Community Care

Phone: 1-800-600-4441



**TDD/TTY: 711** 

Web: www.myamerigroup.com/GA

## ❖ CareSource

Phone: 1-855-202-0729 TDD/TTY: 1-800-255-0056 Web: www.caresource.com/ga

### Peach State

Phone: 1-800-704-1484 | Fax: 1-800-255-0056 Georgia Relay Services Voice: 1-800-255-0135 Georgia Relay Services TDD/TTY: 1-800-255-0056

Web: www.pshpgeorgia.com

## ❖ WellCare

Phone: 1-866-231-1821 TDD/TTY: 1-877-247-6272

Web: www.georgia.wellcare.com

Providers may contact the CMOs using the contact details below:

# Amerigroup Community Care

Phone: 1-800-249-0442

Web: www.myamerigroup.com/GA

#### ❖ CareSource

Phone: 1-855-202-0729

Web: www.caresource.com/ga

## ❖ Peach State

Phone: 1-866-874-0633 Web: www.pshpgeorgia.com

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## **Prescription Refills:**

At this time, the emergency refill edits and pharmacy lock in edits have been relaxed for those Georgia Families° and Georgia Families 360° members that have been displaced. Should you have questions regarding prescription refills, you may reach the CMOs at the numbers listed below:



## **CMO Pharmacy Contact Information**

Providers may contact the Pharmacy Benefit Managers for each CMO utilizing the numbers below:

Amerigroup Community Care

Express Scripts: 1-844-367-6112

BIN: 003858 | PCN: MA | Group: WKJA

CareSource

CVS Caremark: 1-844-441-8024

BIN: 004336 | PCN: MCAIDADV | Group: RX0835

Peach State

Evolve Pharmacy/Caremark: 1-844-297-0513 BIN: 004336 | PCN: MCAIDADV | Group: RX5439

o WellCare

CVS/Caremark

Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids: 1-866-231-1821 BIN: 004336 | PCN: MCAIDADV | Group: 726257

Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB): 1-877-379-0020 BIN: 004336 | PCN: MCAIDADV | Group: 736257

#### **Prior Authorizations:**

At this time, certain prior authorization requirements have been relaxed for those Georgia Families° and Georgia Families 360° members that have been displaced. All requirements for Prior Authorizations, Referrals, notifications, or medical necessity review requirements are relaxed for urgent and non-urgent medically necessary services, equipment, and supplies for evacuees and displaced members impacted by Hurricane Irma. This applies to dates of service beginning September 8, 2017 through the duration of the Governor's state of emergency proclamation. For all members who are currently receiving non-urgent medically necessary services, equipment, and supplies, the existing authorizations will be extended during the state of emergency declaration. Should you have additional questions regarding prior authorizations, you may reach the CMOs at the numbers listed below:

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As always, we thank you for your participation in the Georgia Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids program.